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For. **NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, METHOD OF PRODUCING NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 27, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2002 for two months from March 27, 2003 to May 27, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$410.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

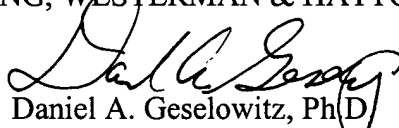
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